AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLER

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAIVER OF FEES AND FOR ALTERNATIVEMEANS OF COMPENSATION WHERE THE ABANDONED PROPERTY SHALL BE PURCHASED BY A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the city has established a procedure for establishing a rate of compensation for abandoned parcels of public rights of way, and

WHEREAS, the city has also established a procedure by which a petitioner urging the abandonment of such **a** parcel reimburse the city for advertising and appraisal costs incurred pursuant to the abandonment procedure, and

WHEREAS, where appropriate, the city wishes to enable nonprofit organizations to obtain abandoned properties in a manner which is economically feasible for such organizations.

The City Council of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, hereby ordains as follows:

Section One: That Chapter **2**, Article X, of the Code of Ordinances be amended by adding

subsection (e) as follows:

Sec. 2-1578. Abandonment of streets.

(e) Upon approval by council, the purchasing agent is authorized to accept in-kind services from a non-profit organization seeking to obtain abandoned property. Such in-kind services shall be valued at the equivalent of the appraised value of the property, which value is established pursuant to subsection (c)(1) of this section. Upon further approval by council, appraisal and advertising may be waived for such non-profit organizations.